IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

WRIT PETITIONS NO.81/2000 & 84/2000

WRIT PETITION NO.81/2000

1. Shri Umeshchandra L. Joshi,
2. Shri Prabhakar V. Vaigankar,
3. Smt. Neela S. Dharwadkar,
4. Shri Rajendra R. Gawandikar,
5. Smt. Maria Paula Sequeira Fernandes,
6. Shri Ajit S. Pawaskar,
7. Smt. Sushma D. Kamat,
8. Smt. Maria Seomara D'Souza,
9. Shri Andre C.J. Godinho,
10. Shri Hanumant S. Toraskar,
11. Shri Harish S. Naik,
12. Shri Ramesh S. Velingkar,
13. Shri Hamiduddin Ali,
14. Shri Agnelo Gonsalves,
15. Smt. Maria Nivette Fernandes,
    Dias Sapeco,
16. Shri Anthony S. Dias,

All the petitioners working as
Senior Assistants, Secretariat,
Government of Goa. .... Petitioners.

V/s.

State of Goa, through its
Chief Secretary, having
Office at Secretariat, Panaji, Goa. .... Respondent.

WRIT PETITION NO. 84/2000

1. Smt. Sharmila Zuzarte,
2. Shri Pandharinath N. Naik,
3. Smt. Megha M. Chodankar,

All the petitioners working as
Senior Assistants, Secretariat,
Panaji, Goa. ..... Petitioners.

V/s.

State of Goa, thorugh its
Chief Secretary, having Office
at Secretariat, Panaji, Goa. ..... Respondent.

Mr. M.S. Sonak, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. A.N.S. Nadkarni, Advocate General with Mr. H.D. Naik, Addl. Govt. Advocate for the respondent.

CORAM : F.I. REBELLO &
P.V. HARDAS, JJ.

DATE : JULY 29, 2003.

ORAL JUDGMENT : (Per REBELLO, J.)

Both these petitions are being disposed of by a common Judgment as they will be covered by the Judgment passed in Writ Petition No.80/2000.

2. The petitioners in Writ Petition No.81/2000 are Senior Assistants in the Secretariat. It is their contention that they are promotees and that there are direct recruits, who have been given higher scale than them. That issue has been answered by us in Writ Petition No.80/2000.

Similarly in Writ Petition No.84/2000, the petitioners are Senior Assistants in the Secretariat. They are promotees. Their contention basically is that the direct recruits are being given higher pay scale and that they should be given the pay scale as given to the direct recruits.

In the petitions, there is also challenge to the Order dated 27.10.1997.

For the reasons given while disposing of the Writ Petition No.80/2000, these petitions also will have to be allowed. In the light of that the following Order:

Rule made absolute in terms of prayer Clause (b). No order as to costs.

F.I. REBELLO, J.

P.V. HARDAS, J.

ssm.